
Ashland County's Older Population

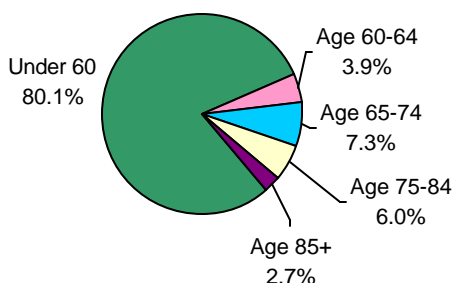
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Ashland County is higher than that of the state as a whole (15.9% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much slower in this county than in the state as a whole (-7.6% versus 7.9%). In all, 2,684 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 448 of these are age 85 or older. Ashland County's average (or median) age is 36.9 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Ashland County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	16,866		16,307		559	3.4%
Persons 60 and over	3,350	19.9%	3,650	22.4%	-300	-8.2%
Persons 65 and over	2,684	15.9%	2,905	17.8%	-221	-7.6%
Persons 85 and over	448	2.7%	362	2.2%	86	23.8%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Ashland County Population in Each Group



Race:

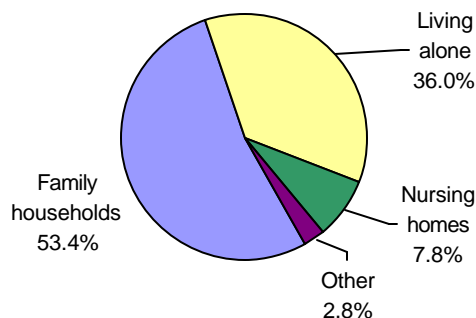
A large majority (95.6%) of Ashland County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Ashland County African Americans have a median age of 19.3 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 19.8 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.4 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 6,718 households in Ashland County, 1,878 include at least one person age 65 or older (28.0% of all households). A total of 1,779 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 72.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (53.4%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 36.0% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.8% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 210 people age 65 and older live in Ashland County nursing homes (7.8% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Ashland County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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